

Commissioner Meeting  
January 21, 2014 8:00 a.m.

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening, John Richards

Claims were approved as presented. Minutes from the December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> meetings were approved as presented.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr discussed the current snow situation and that a 2<sup>nd</sup> shift is currently being utilized with great success. He did mention that obtaining salt is becoming an issue across the state and that he had found a vendor willing to sell some but would require payment upon delivery. After brief discussion, it was agreed that the county auditor would get payment made when needed.

Mr. Mohr reminded the commissioners that bid opening for stone, sand, gravel, etc is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Richards commented that the graders and backhoes are getting some years of use on them. He also inquired whether Mr. Mohr had heard anything back from INDOT in regard to the bridge rehab project. Mr. Mohr said no official decision has been made but it had sounded promising at the meeting that some help would be available. Mr. Mohr reported that survey work was done on the stone arch bridge west of the county.

Mr. Nobbe commented that he had received more positive comments than negative ones in regard to road conditions and the work being done by the highway department. Mr. Nobbe and Mr. Mohr both mentioned the cooperation between agencies that has been orchestrated by EMA Director Rob Duckworth had proven very beneficial.

Mr. Jerome Buening moved to renew the services contract with J and L Davies Minutemaids through December 31, 2015. Mr. Richards seconded that motion, Mr. Nobbe concurred and the motion carried.

EMA Director Duckworth presented two Grant Agreements that needed Commissioners signatures. One had previously been presented but at the state level, a change was requested and so the paperwork was re-routed through the process. It was the \$10,000 grant that will be used to outfit the mobile command unit. The other grant is for \$5179.77 that is a performance grant and was awarded based on last year's performance. This money is in addition to the 50% reimbursement the county receives.

A Cintas representative was on hand to discuss the benefits of using US Communities' Group Purchasing plan. After some discussion, the Commissioners gave their blessing for Cintas representatives to contact the county offices to see if any of their various services might be a cost-savings to current vendor pricing. Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr stated that he had always had a good working relationship with the company and utilizes their uniform and mat services. Mr. Duckworth asked if the group pricing included document shredding services and was told yes. Mr. Nobbe indicated he will give contact information to Minutemaids. Mr. Nobbe did request that Cintas return and let the Commissioners know if the Group Purchasing Plan was able to save the county any money.

A maintenance agreement for the Clerk's Microvote Infiniti system's annual maintenance was reviewed. County Attorney Peg Polanski quickly reviewed the document and, upon her approval, Mr. Buening moved to sign the agreement. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The annual Covered Bridge Certification form was signed by the Commissioners.

Mr. Nobbe gave a synopsis of the major issues that the courthouse has been experiencing, mostly stemming from leaks in the roof. He reported that that major damage suffered during one episode is currently under repair and that he has also contacted a reputable home inspection company to do a Mold Remediation to ensure that there are no mold issues in the building. There will be samples taken from various parts of the building and the results will be documented. Levensteins will be replacing carpet in some of the affected areas. He also discussed the fact that the entire roof needs to be replaced and a plan will have to be put together to get that accomplished in whatever stages deemed most practical.

Mr. Nobbe was also very complimentary of the Minute Maids cleaning staff for their help during the leaky roof crisis. He stated he could not have asked for a better partner during the process.

The Area Plan Commission Board of Zoning Appeals presented a 2013 Commissioners Report with historical data from 2008 through 2013 and there was some discussion about the report. Questions on the report are to be directed to Area Plan Director Dave Neuman or BZA President Albert Armand.

Mr. Nobbe will contact Smith's Bell and Clock Service and tell them the county is not interested in having a contract with their company.

Ms. Polanski reported that a draft of unknown origins is keeping the IVD Office pretty chilly, particularly in the reception area. The Commissioners said they would have a representative from Bruns and Gutzwiller take a look at the situation.

The Maximus Group presented their findings for Commissioner review. The report will be on file in the Auditor's office.

ESPY Services are not finding enough savings to justify the time involved with getting them the data they need to make their determinations.

Mr. Nobbe commented on some dialogue that has been taking place with the ambulance service, the hospital administration and local officials. He believes that after having a meeting with the group that things are running smoothly.

Mr. Nobbe was very complimentary of Bryan Robbins for managing to keep the county portion of the trails project to a minimum. INDOT requested payment of \$12,487 for the county's portion.

Mr. Nobbe discussed an ongoing effort by residents from Cottonwood Lakes Subdivision to establish an Economic Improvement District. The Commissioners were requesting that the group make an effort to find private funding and then come back to the Commissioners to create the EID. There were concerns from local lenders and there has been discussion back and forth. Mr. Nobbe asked County Attorney Peg Polanski to review a document which would lay out what was expected from the County and from the Subdivision. Upon review, Ms. Polanski said the document looked fine to her and Ms. Wenning was requested to make the document a permanent part of the minutes. Please see "Exhibit" attached to minutes. Tami is to send the finished minutes to the Cottonwood representative when the minutes are complete. Once Cottonwood secures a lender, the Cottonwood group will come back with their approval in writing to assure the county and at that time, the Commissioners will then establish the Economic Improvement District.

Tami is to check with RBSK on whether they have a proposal for IT support prepared and have it, along with Summit Microsystems and any others for the next GIS/IT Meeting which has not had a date set yet.

Mr. Nobbe reported that Circuit Court Judge Tim Day had verified that Carolyn Fogg would like to continue serving on the Public Defender Board and that the judge would like that also. Mr. Richards moved to reappoint Mrs. Fogg and Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Nobbe moved to recommend that Mr. Richards be the Commissioner appointment to the Fair Board. Mr. Buening seconded and Mr. Richards agreed to take the position.

Mr. Buening moved to appoint Jenny Robbins to the Greensburg Public Library Board. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There was some discussion about the Park Board appointment and the length of term. Mr. Barker from the Parks Department had cited some Indiana code that indicated that the Commissioners had not done their appointment in a timely manner so therefore Mr. Wilkerson was automatically reappointed by virtue of non-action. Ms. Polanski is going to review because the area of law where the citation came from has been largely revamped and may not contain the same wording. An attempt will be made to see if it is legally possible to get all board appointments on the same schedule. In the meantime, Mr. Wilkerson will be the Commissioner's Park Board appointment until January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

Ms. Toni Collins has served 13 years on the Hospital Board and wishes to resign her position. Mr. Tim Nobbe has served 18 years on the Board of Trustees and wished to resign his position as well. Both were thanked for their years of service and dedication. It was also noted that as of February 28<sup>th</sup>, the hospital is adding two additional positions to the board to help handle the volume of responsibilities.

Following some brief discussion, Ms. Collins position was filled by the appointment of Ms. Carrie Stapp. Mr. Tim Nobbe's position was filled by the appointment of Steven Stringer. Mr. Darren Evans was appointed as one of the new positions and Ms. Laura Johnston received the second new position on the board. All appointments were approved by the County commissioners.

Ms. Polanski discussed an issue with property near Morning Breeze. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Commissioner would give the property to the hospital if they'll agree to pay whatever survey costs are involved. It was also discussed that a Certificate Sale might be the answer to the problem so Ms. Polanski will investigate that possibility.

Mr. Richards nominated Mr. Buening to be the President of the Decatur County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Nobbe seconded the nomination. Mr. Buening accepted the nomination and Mr. Nobbe congratulated him. Mr. Richards thanked Mr. Nobbe for his services.

The meeting was declared recessed until February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

Please make sure the attached exhibit is made part of this set of minutes. Thank you, Tami D. Wenning, County Auditor. (See Page 5 titled "Exhibit")

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Rick Nobbe, President

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**What type of guarantee can we have that payments will be made to us from the tax money?**

The payments will be the responsibility of the Cottonwood Economic Improvement District Board to be paid to the lender. Indiana Code 36-7-22-14 and 15 require that the County Treasurer add each year's assessment to the tax bill of each lot, and the assessments collected be paid to the district board.

If the board chooses to service a reserve fund or to make extra or early payments the board could do that. The County Commissioners or the County Treasurer has no control over that.

**Who will maintain the roads after they are put in?**

Whether to accept the roads as county roads after the improvements have been made is up to the County Commissioners. If accepted into the county inventory, they would be maintained by the County. If they are not accepted by the county, the maintenance would be the responsibility of the Cottonwood HOA or the Cottonwood Economic Improvement District.

**If there are delinquent taxes would the bank still receive its full semiannual payment each year?**

The economic improvement district board will be responsible for the semiannual payments. Once the county commissioners form the economic improvement district, everything else is up to that board. The board will have to decide how much money to spend and how much each lot's assessment is (Ind Code 3-7-22-12). The district board will prepare and send to the county auditor an assessment schedule, showing how much is owed by each lot (36-7-22-12(h)). The auditor passes the assessment schedule on to the county treasurer, for assessments to be added to the tax statement for each lot (36-7-22-14).

The district board will set up its own economic improvement fund and deposit the money it receives from the county treasurer in that fund (36-7-22-16). The district board will pay its financial obligations from that fund.

Tax sale procedures are as follows: Each year the county treasurer is to prepare a list of properties on which the prior year's spring installment of taxes or special assessments are delinquent. In Decatur County, a tax sale is usually held in September. So, assessments that are due in May, 2014 may not be collected until a tax sale is held in September, 2015.

The responsibility for holding a delinquent tax sale belongs to the county treasurer and auditor and delinquent revenues collected from tax sales will be deposited appropriately.

Although the county commissioners have the authority to approve the economic improvement district or not to approve it, once the district has been formed and its board has been appointed, the remaining financial decisions and planning are up to that board.